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2018 Urban Forestry Basic Training

April 4-5, 2018

Triton College

Robert M. Collins Center (R Building)
2000 5th Ave., River Grove, IL

Wednesday, April 4, 2018		
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Registration- Coffee and tea	
8:30 – 8:50 AM	Knowledge Screening	
8:50 AM	The Value of Trees Lydia Scott	
9:05 AM	Practical Tree Biology Shawn Kingzette	
10:15 AM	15 minute practicum with snacks	
10:30 AM	Risks and Impacts to Trees Shawn Kingzette - <i>Mechanical risks and impacts</i>	
11:15 AM	Tricia Bethke- <i>Biological risks and impacts</i>	
11:55 AM	Lunch	
	Introductions to Illinois Arborist Association and Triton College	
12:25 PM	Transition to outdoor sessions	
	Group A	Group B
12:40 PM	Pruning for Healthy Trees Eduardo Medina and Don Roppolo	Planting Practice <i>B&B, Container, Grow Bag</i> Daniel Heth
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2:45 PM	Risk practicums	
3:10 PM	Closing Remarks/ Raffle/ Evaluation/ Certificates	
3:25 PM	Adjourn	

Thursday, April 5, 2018	
8:30 AM	Chainsaw Basics – Bring your own lunch
	Safe Operation, Starting a Saw, Techniques, and Maintenance Phil Prohaska
1:30 PM	Adjourn

Thank you to our host, Triton College, and to our volunteer instructors from Davey Tree Experts, SavATree, The Care of Trees, The Morton Arboretum, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County!



Instructor Bios:

Tricia Bethke, Illinois Forest Pest Outreach Coordinator, The Morton Arboretum

Tricia is the Forest Pest Outreach Coordinator for the State of Illinois. Her position is funded through a cooperative grant with USDA APHIS. Tricia's responsibilities include statewide training of key stakeholders on invasive species, forest pest identification, regulations and quarantines and reporting protocols. Tricia also coordinates and instructs tree identification, pest detection programs, and tree health monitoring.

Daniel Heth, ISA Certified Arborist, SavATree

Daniel, a Certified Arborist and Branch Leader with SavATree in Barrington, has been in the industry for 20 years since earning his degree in Natural Resource Management from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. After working in Wisconsin, Alaska, and Oregon, he has returned home to Illinois. Daniel also works with ILCA as a pruning trainer and joined CRTI in 2014. His father instilled in him the value of educating all on the importance of natural areas and maintaining trees for tomorrow's youth!

Shawn Kingzette, District Manager/Certified Arborist, The Davey Tree Expert Company

Shawn is an International Society of Arboriculture certified arborist of 20 years and is a District Manager for The Davey Tree Expert Company in East Dundee IL. He is also a long time teacher for the Treekeepers training program for Openlands and conducts maintenance accounts for communities such as Park Ridge, the Chicago Park District, Schaumburg, Elgin, and others.

Eduardo Medina, Tree Recruiter/Arborist Trainer, The Davey Tree Expert Company

A trainer and recruiter for Davey Tree Expert since 2003, Eduardo started his career in arboriculture in 1986. He has been assisting the Mexican Arborist Association for the last 15 years and is dedicated to promoting arborist safety and growth to Latinos in Latin America and USA. He also helped translate the Arborist Study Guide, Tree Worker Certification Study Guide, Safety Standards, and the Glossary of English-Spanish in Arboricultural Terms.

Phil Prohaska, Forest Preserves of Cook County

A graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a BS in Urban Forestry, Phil spent several years working in the private sector doing primarily climbing and bucket work and 4 years in the utility sector trimming and removing trees around energized power lines. He has spent the last 5 years working for the Forest Preserves of Cook County where he is the supervisor of the northwest office and leads the chainsaw training program.

Lydia Scott, Director, Chicago Region Trees Initiative

Lydia Scott is the Director of the Chicago Region Trees Initiative. Lydia came into urban forestry by accident and has been learning and growing ever since. She has an MS in Environmental Science and a fondness for all things trees.